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Ronald J. Tenpas, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Illinois, announced today that on October 19, 2004, **FRANK C. BOERSIG, JR.**, age 46, of 4462 El Paulo Court, Apt. C, St. Louis, Missouri, was indicted by a Federal Grand Jury sitting in East St. Louis in a one count indictment charging him with participating in a conspiracy to commit wire fraud, identity theft, and interstate transportation of counterfeit securities, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 371.

The violations are alleged to have occurred from 2002 until October 2003. The Indictment alleges that the conspiracy involved creation of bogus checks and identification documents. The Indictment further alleges that **FRANK C. BOERSIG, JR.** cashed counterfeit checks during the conspiracy.

The charge carries a penalty of up to five years imprisonment, a \$250,000 fine and up to three years of supervised release.

An indictment is a formal charge against a defendant. Under the law, a defendant is presumed to be innocent of a charge until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt to the satisfaction of a jury. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys Suzanne M. Garrison and Bruce E. Reppert. The case was investigated by the United States Postal Inspection Service and the Illinois Secretary of State Police.